

Minutes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

January 28, 2010

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Dan Chismire, Mark Supper. Not Present: Carol Massie, Thaddeus Smith. SVBID Committee Members Present: Travis Serpa, Chairperson; Fabio Conti, Richard Falzone, Fred Rosenthal. Not Present: Brian Folb. Liaisons: Captain Bea Girmala, Officer Danny Pesqueira, LAPD; Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International; Larry Webster, LA City Attorney's Office. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Baydsar Thomasian, Assembly Member Deleon's Office.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairpersons John Tronson and Travis Serpa at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: John Tronson introduced Mark Supper to the committee, as he will be serving on the Hollywood Entertainment District's Security Committee.
- III. Minutes: Hollywood: **Due to a lack of quorum the minutes were tabled until the Committee's January 2010 meeting.** Sunset and Vine: **It was moved by Fred Rosenthal, seconded by Fabio Conti and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Committee's December 10, 2009 meeting. Unanimously approved.**

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler reported on security activities for the year through January 24, 2010. Seyler said that deployment hours have thus far remained the same for the New Year.

B. Report from LAPD: Recently Police Chief Charlie Beck was in the Hollywood area for a reception hosted by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. Captain Girmala thanked both BIDs for being in attendance and showing their support for the LAPD Hollywood division. On the crime front, Captain Girmala reported that statistics have pretty much remained down, however the LAPD is monitoring inmates who will be released early by the County, due to the budget crisis. Lastly, Captain Girmala said that the LAPD is forming a violent crime task force that be available to all the divisions in Los Angeles.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: No Sheriffs were present at the meeting.

D. Report from LA City Attorney's Office: Larry Webster informed the committee that cases reviewed and filed by the City Attorney's office have risen. Webster also shared with the committee that a new judge will be coming into the Hollywood area. Webster reported that BID security continues to submit thorough reports that are well put together. Webster reported that the Hollywood Courthouse may be closing in the near future and a decision could be made within the next 90 days. Morrison asked what could be done to ensure that the courthouse does

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not close. Captain Girmala offered to partner with the committee to contact the proper individuals in order for the Committee and BIDs to voice their support for the courthouse and to try and ensure that the resource stays in Hollywood.

V. New Business

A. Report from Hollywood Entertainment District Board Retreat: Morrison informed the board that the HPOA Board of Directors had recently completed their board retreat and had put together a list of priorities they felt were the most important issues for the BID to work on in the next couple of years. Morrison has already spoken with both the Council Office and Captain Girmala about the results of the retreat.

1. Regulation on Behavior of Public Sidewalks in Hollywood: John Tronson explained to the committee the ongoing difficulty with trying to regulate the amount of activity that occurs on the Hollywood sidewalk. Tronson said he believes the solution is a macro ordinance to possibly help define what activities could take place on the sidewalk. Baydsar Thomasian explained that the ordinance would have to be a city ordinance and not a state one, similar to Santa Monica's. Tronson requested that if possible a meeting could be set up with City Attorney Trutanich to discuss the issue in further detail.

B. Marijuana Ordinance: Joe Mariani gave an update on the recent marijuana ordinance that was passed in City Council. The ordinance will cap the number of dispensaries at 70 but make an exception to allow all those that registered with the city in 2007 and have remained open. City officials believe that number is around 150. The ordinance will take effect once it is signed by the Mayor and fees that dispensaries will have to pay are approved by City Council.

C. Travis Serpa Promotion: Travis Serpa informed the committee that he has accepted a promotion and will be moving to Philadelphia in April. His last meeting with the committee will be the March meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Meeting with Yaroslavsky's staff and County Health Department Regarding Twitter Food Trucks: Morrison reported that recently she, Tronson, Mariani, and George Abou-Daoud had met with staff from the County Health Department and Zev Yaroslavsky's office to discuss the issue of Twitter food trucks. Tronson informed the committee that after a very informative discussion, the conclusion was made that the BID would refrain from getting involved in this issue as there was very little it could do, as the majority of regulation would have to be handled by the Health Department.

VII. Next Meeting: Due to the delayed date for the January meeting the committee decided to bypass their February meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairpersons John Tronson and Travis Serpa at 11:20 a.m.